GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:538
ANSWERED ON:11.04.2017
Hoarding of Foodgrains
Jaunpuria Shri Sukhbir Singh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trading companies are resorting to hoarding and profiteering due to increase in the prices of food grains and low minimum support price whereas farmers and consumers are continuously incurring losses; and
(b) if so, the details of the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*538 FOR 11.04.2017 REGARDING HOARDING OF FOODGRAINS.

(a) & (b) : To ensure adequate availability of essential food items at fair prices in the general retail market, from time to time Central Government issues enabling orders to fix stock limits to carry out de-hoarding operations against hoarders of specified essential foodgrains based on which State take appropriate decision for imposing limits. Latest order in this regard was issued vide G.S.R. 929(E) dated 29.09.2016 in respect of Pulses, edible oilseeds and edible oils which is valid up to 30.09.2017. The States/UTs as enforcement agencies for EC Act, 1955 and PBMMSEC Act, 1980, take action against unscrupulous trading, blackmarketing, hoarding, profiteering and speculative trading. Action taken by States/UTs in 2016 and 2017 is annexed.

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ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*538 FOR 11.04.2017 REGARDING HOARDING OF FOODGRAINS.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955 AND PBMMSEC ACT, 1980 DURING 2016

Updated as on 7.4.2017
Sl. No. STATES/UTs No. of Raids
Conducted No. of Persons Value of goods
Confiscated
(Rs. In Lakhs) Detentions
Ordered under PBMMSEC in
2016 Reported upto

Arrested Prosecuted Convicted
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
1. Andhra Pradesh NR NR NR NR NR NR NR
2. Arunachal Pradesh 2 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil December
3. Assam 77 Nil 8 Nil 8.50 Nil May (Except 01/2016)
4. Bihar 298 141 85 98 NR Not Reported August
5. Chhattisgarh 112 0 1 0 13.32 Not Reported April to September
6. Delhi 80 1 - - - 3 July (Except 2/3/4/5/2016)
7. Goa 26 Nil Nil Nil Nil Not Reported December

8. Gujarat 9328 13 15 - 139.9 17 December
9. Haryana 76 74 7 - 94.44 Nil December (Except 03/2016)
10. Himachal Pradesh 32182 - - - 33.34 Not Reported December
11. Jammu & Kashmir NR NR NR NR NR NR NR
12. Jharkhand 154 61 - - NR Not Reported December
13. Karnataka 3319 217 40 0 58.27 Nil December
14. Kerala 9770 72 47 8 4.02 Nil December
15. Lakshadweep Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Not Reported Only June
16. Madhya Pradesh 107 - - - - Not Reported June
17. Maharashtra 521 732 320 0 476 1 November
18. Manipur Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Not Reported December (Except 4/2016)
19. Mizoram 67 - - - - - November (Except 02/2016)
20. Meghalaya 3 1 Nil Nil Nil Nil November

21. Nagaland Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Not Reported September (Except 2/5/6/82016)
22. Odisha NR NR NR NR NR NR NR
23. Punjab 985 - - - - Not Reported December
24. Rajasthan 61 8 8 9 - - Only August. - Spt. & Nov.-Dec.
25. Sikkim 92 3 - - - Nil December (Except 03/9/2016)
26. Tamilnadu 21337 6070 4001 183 121.88 131 December
27. Telangana 1961 206 48 5 1067.16 7 December (Except 09/2016)
28. Tripura 572 0 0 0 5.03 Not Reported December (Except 1/2/2016)
29. Uttarakhand 601 33 5 - 0.57 4 December
30. Uttar Pradesh 12462 160 190 83 392.98 Nil December (Except 06/2016)
31. West Bengal 547 168 30 2 10900.63 Nil November
32. A & N Islands 145 - - - - Nil December
33. Chandigarh Nil Nil 3 1 Nil Nil December
34. D & N Haveli Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Not Reported December (Except 07/08/2016)
35. Daman & Diu NR NR NR NR NR NR NR
36. Puducherry 788 2 9 - 3.31 Not Reported December
TOTAL 95673 7962 4817 389 13319.35 163

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
1. Delhi 1 - NR - - - February (Except 1/2017)
2. Goa Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil February
3. Gujarat 1384 0 0 - 68.62 - February
4. Himachal Pradesh 3248 - - - 2.82 - January
5. Karnataka 17 22 9 - 1.26 - February (Except 01/2017)
6. Mizoram - - - - - - February (Except 1/2017)
7. Puducherry 34 - - - 0.14 - February
8. Sikkim 11 - - - - - January
9. Tamilnadu NR NR NR NR NR 27 Not Reported
10. Telangana 569 43 2 0 158.72 3 January
11. Uttarakhand 1 2 Nil - 0.44 - February (Except 01/2017)
12. Uttar Pradesh 184 16 22 2 9.08 - January
13. A&N Islands 40 - - - - - February
TOTAL 5489 83 33 2 241.08 30
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